

the Treasury, ripen at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. **Page S1717**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, Senate resume consideration of the nominations of Rachel Leland Levine, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and David Turk, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, en bloc; further that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Rachel Leland Levine, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and David Turk, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, in that order; that if cloture is invoked on either of these nominations, all post-cloture time expire at 4:45 p.m., and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order upon which cloture was invoked. **Pages S1716–17**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 63 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 129), Shalanda D. Young, of Louisiana, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **Pages S1683–91**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 62 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 128), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1690–91**

By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 131), Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Florida, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years. **Pages S1692–S1702**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 130), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1692**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S1681**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S1714–15**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—131) **Pages S1690–92, S1701–02**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:47 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1717)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Admiral John C. Aquilino, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Indo-Pacific Command, Department of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Hirono, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 4,113 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Markey, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### BOLSTERING DEMOCRACY IN GEORGIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation concluded a hearing to examine bolstering democracy in Georgia, after receiving testimony from George Kent, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, and Kara McDonald, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, both of the Department of State.

### 2020 CENSUS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2020 census and current activities of the Census Bureau, including the need for the Census Bureau to ensure transparency over data quality and finalize plans for data protection, after receiving testimony from Ron S. Jarmin, Acting Director, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce; and J. Christopher Mihm, Managing Director, Strategic Issues, and Nick Marinos, Director, Information Technology and

Cybersecurity, both of the Government Accountability Office.

### **PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security concluded a hearing to examine why the U.S. pays the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs, including S. 908, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the negotiation of lower covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries and the establishment and application of a formulary by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under Medicare part D, S. 909, to significantly lower prescription drug prices for patients in the United States by ending government-granted monopolies for manufacturers who charge drug prices that are higher than the median prices at which the drugs are available in other countries, and S. 920, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the importation of affordable and safe drugs by wholesale distributors, pharmacies, and individuals, after receiving testimony from Aaron S. Kesselheim, Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts; Nav Persaud, University of Toronto

and St. Michael's Hospital, Ontario, Canada; Alex Brill, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Elia Spates, Derby, Vermont.

### **GUN VIOLENCE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine constitutional and common sense steps to reduce gun violence, after receiving testimony from Chief Fernando Spagnolo, Waterbury Police Department, Waterbury, Connecticut; Selwyn Rogers, University of Chicago Medicine, Chicago, Illinois; Robyn Thomas, Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, and Chris Cheng, both of San Francisco, California; Amy E. Swearer, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Geneva Solomon, Redstone Firearms, Burbank, California, on behalf of the National African American Gun Association; Robin Brule, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Suzanna Gratia Hupp, Lampasas, Texas.

### **INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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## **House of Representatives**

### ***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 66 public bills, H.R. 2118–2183; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 33; H. Con. Res. 24; and H. Res. 266–270, were introduced. **Pages H1617–21**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H1623**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Sarbanes to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1615**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1615. **Page H1615**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

### ***Committee Meetings***

#### **WOOD INNOVATION: SUSTAINABLE FOREST PRODUCTS TO REINVIGORATE RURAL ECONOMIES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Wood Innovation: Sustainable Forest Products to Reinvigorate Rural Economies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **ADDRESSING THE MATERNAL HEALTH CRISIS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis”. Testimony was heard from Lisa Asare, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Health Services, Department of Health, New Jersey; and public witnesses.